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Contents of the Hedwig Kalmar-Collection

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1. AHC questionnaires I and II
2. 'Abschluss- und Reifezeugnis' issued by Maedchen-Realgymnasium des Vereines Doeblinger Maedchen-Mittelschule, Gymnasiumstrasse 79, 1190 Vienna on June 15, 1934
3. 'Heimatschein' issued by Magistrat der Bundesunmittelbaren Stadt Wien on April 19, 1938



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Name: HEDY (HEDWIG) KALMAR ROSENTHAL
First Name Middle Name Last Name

Last Occupation: EXECUTIVE

Date of Birth: 7 15 1915 Place of Birth: VIENNA, AUSTRIA
Month Day Year City Country

Address before 1938: WURTHGASSE 14 XIX VIENNA AUSTRIA
Street (District in Vienna) City Country

Prewar Name: _____ Maiden Name: HEDWIG KALMAR

1. Education/Occupation(s) (if possible, indicate institutions and year when entered/left)

RG19 1926-1934

2. Were you affiliated with any kind of organization? (Youth, Zionist, Political or any other organizations)
If so, did you have any specific function? NO

3. Were you arrested and/or interned? (please indicate where and when) NO

4. What was your route of emigration? (please indicate places and dates of stay)

VIA TRAIN - ACHEN - TO LONDON, ENGLAND
JANUARY 1939.

3/26/1940 FROM ENGLAND TO NEW YORK

5. May we contact you again with a more detailed follow-up questionnaire?

Yes / No Yes

6. Do you have any documents that would be appropriate for the archives of the Leo Baeck Institute?
(personal documents, photographs, letters, all kinds of manuscripts, diaries, memoirs, etc.)

Yes / No Yes

If necessary please use additional sheets. Thank you!



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We kindly ask you to answer the following questions in as much detail as possible, either in English or in German. If you need more space, please feel free to use additional sheets. If you don't know the answers to certain questions or don't want to answer for any reason, just go on to the next question.

NAME: HEIDI KALMAR ROSENTHAL DATE: 7-31-1989

1. BEFORE MARCH 1938

1.1 Please describe your parental home.

(Did you live in an apartment or in a house? How many people lived with you? Did you have servants? What language(s) were spoken in the household?)

- 1 - APARTMENT
- 2 - MY PARENTS, MY SISTER + MYSELF
- 3 - NOT AFTER 1930
- 4 - GERMAN

1.2 Please tell us about your neighborhood (District in Vienna or area).

(What ethnic groups lived there? Religious life? Relationships between Jews and non-Jews? Relationships with neighbors?)

VIENNA XIXth DISTRICT - DÖBLING
A FEW JEWISH FAMILIES NEXT TO
CATHOLIC FAMILIES. NOT MUCH SOCIAL
CONTACT. NEIGHBORS WERE DISTANT.

1.3 What religious tradition existed in your family?

(Did you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe holidays, etc.?)

NOT KOSHER. MY FATHER CAME FROM AN
ORTHODOX FAMILY. MY MOTHER NOT.
WE OBSERVED HIGH HOLIDAYS. MY FATHER
AND I WENT TO SYNAGOGUE SOMETIMES.

1.4 Please, tell us about your friends and acquaintances.

(Were they mostly Jewish or non-Jewish? Did you have any close non-Jewish friends?)

MOSTLY JEWISH. MY BEST FRIEND WAS
HALF JEWISH, BROUGHT UP AS A
PROTESTANT

1.5 Were you affiliated with any political, social or religious organization?

(Youth Organizations, Zionist Organizations, Political Parties, other organizations)

If so, did you have any specific function?

NO

- 1.6 Did you or your family encounter any anti-Semitism before March 1938?
(If so, please give details.)

WE WERE AWARE OF ANTI-SEMITISM.
I WAS THE ONLY JEWISH GIRL IN CLASS IN
MY PRIMARY SCHOOL.

- 1.7 What was your (or your parents') reaction to Hitler's rise to power in Germany in 1933 and to Nazi activity in Austria in the early thirties? Did you or your parents feel threatened by these events?

WE WERE VERY WORRIED AND
FELT THREATENED.

2. FROM MARCH 1938 TO EMIGRATION - FROM EUROPE TO AMERICA

2.1 How was your time spent during and after the "Anschluss"?

What was the impact of the "Anschluss" on you personally?

NO - (Were you expelled from school/university? Did you or your parents lose your jobs? - NO
Were your apartments/houses looted? Were you (or members of your family)
persecuted? Were you forced to scrub the streets?) - NO

MY UNCLE SENT US AFFIDAVITS BUT WE
DID NOT KNOW Q'VE HAD TO GET A QUOTA
NUMBER AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE.
THERE WAS A LONG WAITING PERIOD WHEN
WE REGISTERED.

MY FATHER WAS TRAPPED IN VIENNA
AND WAS DEPORTED IN 1942. HE
PERISHED.

MY MOTHER WENT TO ENGLAND AS A
COOK. MY 17-YEAR OLD SISTER CAME TO
ENGLAND WITH A CHILDREN'S TRANSPORT.
I GOT A JOB IN ENGLAND AS A MOTHER
HELPER.

MY SISTER AND I CAME TO AMERICA
IN MARCH 1940. MY MOTHER ARRIVED A
FEW WEEKS LATER.

2.2 How did non-Jewish friends, colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, etc.
behave toward you and your family?

WE FELT ISOLATED. FORMER NON-
JEWISH ADVANTAGES WERE
AFRAID TO VISIT US.

2.3 Do you have any recollections of November 9th, 1938, the so-called "Reichs-Kristallnacht"? (If so, please give details.)

IT WAS TERRIBLE! MY FATHER AND I SPENT THE DAY AT MY GRAND PARENTS APARTMENT. TWO SS. MEN CAME BUT DID NOT TAKE ANYTHING. BUT SOME NAZIS CAME TO OUR APARTMENT LOOKING FOR MY FATHER WHO WAS NOT AT HOME LUCKILY.

2.4 Were you or any members of your family arrested? Sent to a camp? (If so, please give details.)

AFTER MY MOTHER, SISTER AND I HAD LEFT FOR ENGLAND, MY FATHER WAS DEPORTED IN 1942 + PERISHED. THE AMERICAN CONGUL IN VIENNA REPEATEDLY DECLARED HIS AFFIDAVITS INSUFFICIENT.

2.5 Can you recall the process of obtaining papers necessary for emigration? (Did you try to obtain visas for other countries as well? Were you supported by any relief organization, by relatives or friends?)

MY SISTER WAS SAVED BY THE CHILDREN'S TRANSPORT TO ENGLAND. MY MOTHER AND I GOT JOBS IN ENGLAND THROUGH A JEWISH ORGANIZATION - I DO NOT RECALL WHICH ONE. WE WAITED IN ENGLAND FOR OUR AMERICAN QUOTA NUMBER TO COME THROUGH. WE HAD AFFIDAVITS,

WE DID NOT TRY FOR VISAS TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY. WE TRIED TO GET MY FATHER TO CUBA BUT THE WAR BROKE OUT AND THAT FINISHED ANY RECOVER EFFORT.

- 2.6 What happened to your (or your family's) apartments, houses, businesses and other property?

WE SOLD OUR FURNITURE, SILVER, ART OBJECT JEWELRY. WE WERE ONLY ALLOWED ONE SET OF CLOTHING PER PERSON TO TAKE WITH US.

- 2.7 When did you leave Austria? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

JANUARY (3) 1939. I DID NOT KEEP MY PASSPORT.

- 2.8 If you did not emigrate directly to the U.S, where did you go first?

(How long did you stay there? Can you give a brief description of your experiences? Why did you leave?)

I WENT TO ENGLAND WHERE I WAITED FOR MY AMERICAN QUOTA TO COME THROUGH. I HAD AN AFFIDAVIT. MY EMPLOYERS IN ENGLAND TREATED ME VERY WELL. I LEFT VIENNA BECAUSE I WAS IN DANGER TO BE KILLED.

3. THE UNITED STATES

3.1 When did you arrive in the U.S.? (Please indicate exact date, if possible)

MARCH 26, 1940

3.2 Did members of your family emigrate to countries other than the U.S.?

(If so, where? Where do they live today? Are you still in contact with them?)

NO. MY SISTER LIVES IN ENGLAND.
SHE MARRIED AN ENGLISHMAN.

3.3 Did you serve in the U.S. Armed Forces or in any other allied army?

(If so, when did you join? What division? What was your area of operation?

When were you discharged?)

NO

3.4 Please list places and dates of residence in the U.S.
(City, State; in bigger cities, neighborhood)

IN 1940 UPPER MANHATTAN.
FROM 1941 ON IN QUEENS. FIRST IN CIVILNY SIDE,
QUEENS, N.Y. & FROM 1981 IN FOREST HILLS, QUEENS,
N.Y.-C.

3.5 Please describe your occupational situation from your arrival in the U.S. to the present.

SECRETARIAL WORK FROM 1940-1947.
FROM 1947-1980 EXECUTIVE POSITION.
I RETIRED IN 1980.

3.6 Did you belong to any emigrant/immigrant-related organization or cultural association? (e.g. Austrian American Federation, Austrian Forum, etc.? If so, since when? Do you still belong to any of them?)

NO

3.7 Do you still speak German? If so, with whom and when? How often?

- 1- SOMETIMES
- 2- SOME OF MY FRIENDS LAUGH INTO GERMAN; THEY ARE BILINGUAL.

3.8 Would you call yourself religious? To what degree? What is your affiliation? Has it changed?

(Do you keep kosher, go to synagogue, observe the holidays....?)

I AM NOT RELIGIOUS.

3.9 Are your friends and acquaintances mostly German-speaking or non-German-speaking? Mainly Jewish or not?

- 1- MY FRIENDS ARE BILINGUAL.
- 2- THEY ARE ALL JEWISH.

3.10 Of what country (countries) are you a citizen? When was each citizenship granted?

USA

1945

- 3.11 Have you ever visited Austria since the war? If so, how often?
(What did you do there? Can you recall some of your impressions during these visits?
Have you ever thought of going back permanently?)

1- ONCE TO VISIT A CLOSE FRIEND
2- I FELT UNEASY AND BAD MEMORIES
CAME BACK
3- I NEVER CONSIDERED GOING
BACK.

4. PARTICIPATION IN OTHER ORAL HISTORY PROJECTS

- 4.1 Have you ever been interviewed by any other organization?
(Please indicate when and by which organization?)

NO

- 4.2 Have you ever been mentioned in any historical works?
(Holocaust-related literature, Documentary films, Exhibitions etc.)

NO

5. FAMILY MEMBERS

5.1 Spouse (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

- 1- MY HUSBAND DIED IN 1990 IN N.Y.C.
- 2- HE WAS A BUSINESSMAN
- 3- NAME: MARTIN ROSENTHAL
- 4- BORN 11-8-1908 IN RATIBOR, BEFORE
WORLD WAR I GERMANY.

5.2 Mother (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

KAROLINE SCHWARTZ
BORN IN VIENNA 11/19/1890
DIED 5/13/1983 IN NYC

5.3 Father (Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death, Occupation(s))

- 1- HEINRICH KALMKR
- 2- BORN IN VIENNA - 4/5/1880
- 3- DEPORTED IN 1942. FROTH VIENNA.
HE PERISHED.
- 4- BUSINESSMAN

5.4 Siblings (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

- 1- DITHA KALMAR - SISTER
- 2- BORN IN VIENNA 5-28-1922
- 3- SECRETARY. RETIRED MANY
YEARS AGO.

5.5 Children (Name, Maiden Name, Address (City, State, Country), Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

NO CHILDREN

5.6 Grandparents (Name, Maiden Name, Place/date of birth (if deceased, place/date of death), Occupation(s))

GRAND MOTHER - RADELE HAAS - NEE
RADELE SCHWARTZ

BORN IN SLOVAKIA 1869

GRANDFATHER : JACOB SCHWARTZ,

BORN 6/7/1859. PHYSICIAN.

BORN IN
HUNGARY

BOTH WERE DEPORTED TO THERESIEN
STADT IN EARLY 1940s AND DIED THERE.

The Austrian Heritage Collection is always looking for people to interview.

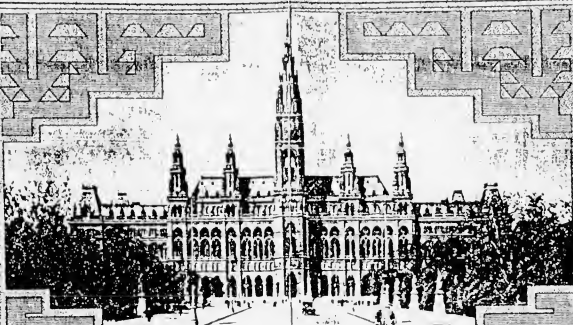
If you know any Austrian-Jewish immigrants in the US who might be interested in participating in this project, please either ask them to contact us or write their addresses below.

Thank you very much for participating in this project.

Jahr 1938

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NUMMER

Nr. 19155



HEIMATSCHHEIN

womit bestätigt wird, daß

Edwieg Kalmár
Charakter oder Beschäftigung *Privatbeamt*

Alter *geb. 15. Juli 1915 in Wien S.K.G.*

Stand *ledig*

das Heimatrecht in WIEN besitzt *B.A. XIII - 2455 / 1938*

Eigenhändige Unterschrift der Partei:

Edwieg Kalmár

VOM MAGISTRAT DER
BUNDESUNMITTELBAREN STADT WIEN
IM SELBSTÄNDIGEN WIRKUNGSBEREICH

Wien, am *19. April 1938*

Für den Bürgermeister:

Antonia *Edwieg Kalmár* *Edwieg Kalmár*

Mädchen-Realgymnasium
des Vereines Pöblinger Mädchen-Mittelschule
Wien, XIX., Gymnasiumsstraße 79

DIESES ZEUGNIS IST ZUFOLGE
MIN.-ERLASSES VOM 8. JUNI 1932
Zl. 15254-III/7 DEN ZEUGNISSEN DER BUNDES-
MITTELSCHULEN GLEICHZUHALTEN.

Nr. 12

Abschluß- und Reifezeugnis.

Kalmár Hedwig,

geboren am 15. Juli

1915 zu Wien

in Österreich

mos.

Religion, österreichischer

Staatsbürgerschaft, hat ihre Mittelschulstudien im Schuljahr
1926/27 mit der 1. Kl. der "Pöblinger Mittelschule des
Vereines Pöblinger Mädchen-Mittelschule, Wien XIX.,
Gymnasiumsstraße 79, begonnen und seit dem
Schuljahr 1927/28 das Realgymnasium (Form B)
derselben Anstalt besucht.



Et hat die achte Klasse der hiesigen Anstalt im Schuljahre 1933/34 beendet und
sich im Sinne des Erlasses des Bundesministeriums für Unterricht vom 8. Mai 1930,
Z. 10.896, Verordnungsblatt Nr. 57, der Reifeprüfung nach dem Lehrplane des

Realgymnasiums, Form B.

(Verordnung vom 1. Juni 1928, B. G. Bl. Nr. 138) unterzogen.

Nach Abschluß dieser Prüfung wird ^{dem}folgendes Zeugnis ausgestellt:

Befriedigend sehr gut

Der Prüfling hat eine Hausarbeit über das Thema:

vorgelegt, die dem Gegenstande

zugeordnet und als

beurteilt wurde.

Auf Grund der abgelegten Kelfprüfung wird der Prüfling zum Hochschulstudium für

reife mit Auszeichnung erklärt;

hiedurch werden ihm die Studienberechtigungen zuerkannt, die gemäß der Verordnung vom 18. August 1928, B. G. Bl. Nr. 224, den Abgängern der Realgymnasien mit Darstellender Geometrie als verbindlichen Lehrgegenstände zukommen.

Wien, am *15. Juni* 193*4*.

Für die Prüfungskommission:

Karl Goll,
Vorstand.

Emilie Buch,
Direktor.



Prof. Dr. Ella Mutschak
Klassenlehrer.

Notenreihe



**End of Hedwig Kalmar Rosenthal
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